

Appl. No. 10/774,259
Docket No. 8637C
Amdt. dated May 30, 2007
Reply to Office Action mailed on January 31, 2007
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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 23 – 37 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claim 22 is cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file claims directed to the recitals of the canceled claims in a different application or in the course of further prosecution of the present application.

Claims 23, 25, 26 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form including all the features of now cancelled claim 22.

Claims 24, 27 and 30-37 have been amended to correct their dependency.

Objection to the Claims

Per the Examiner's request, claims 23, 28 and 29 have been amended to include the features of "the hinge line of at least one of said first and second fastening elements."

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b) and 35 USC §103(a)

For the sake of brevity, Applicants submit that claims 23, 25, 26 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form including all the features of now cancelled claim 22. Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the mention by the Examiner that claims 23, 25, 26 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants also submit that claims 24, 27 and 30-37 have been amended to correct their dependency.

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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the all the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

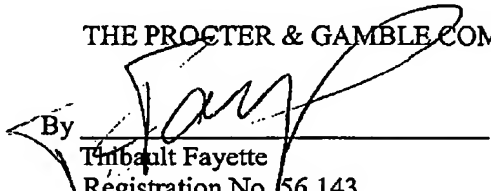
Conclusion

In view of the previous amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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